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## Junta-backed parties set to win Burma polls

**YANGON**—The military rulers of Burma (Myanmar) will keep their grip on power after the country's first election in 30 years through parties that emerged on Monday as the likely winners of a vote warred by fraud and constrained by Washington, Iraq and London.

Complex rules for Sunday's election thwarted any chance of a pro-democracy (AP/WIDEWORLD)

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## Parents get blame for 'immoral' solons

By Jocelyn R. Uy

**SACKED** with the possibility of the reproductive health (RH) bill being passed into law, Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales reminded



# US envoy feels safe in PH

## Thomas plans travels outside Metro Manila

By Jerry E. Esguerra, Don Z. Pazzaguan and Christine O. Avendaño

**DESPITE** warnings of a terrorist attack, US Ambassador Harry K. Thomas Jr. feels safe traveling in the Philippines.

Thomas yesterday said he would even go to Mindanao, where Washington warned US citizens about the "risks of terrorist activity," especially from Moro separatist guerrillas and al-Qaida-linked bands.

"In going this week, next week and the following week outside of Manila and I will feel very safe," Thomas said at Arcadia Quizon Elementary School in Makati, Manila, where a paid distribution project for Philippine public schools was launched.

Asked by reporters what advice he would give former US President Bill Clinton, who is visiting Manila this week for a lecture series, Thomas said the Philippines is a wonderful place to visit.

"We welcome all visitors from America to the Philippines, especially for tourism and the upcoming infrastructure business conference (on Nov. 18 and 19) with so many American compa-

panies who'll be coming here to invest," he said.

"We have a travel advisory for seven years and we update it every six months," he said. "But it cannot say, don't come to the Philippines."

President Aquino yesterday said that Clinton's visit could be a "vote of confidence" on the Philippines.

"The former President has a Secret Service detail assigned to him who would object if there was a realistic and imminent terrorist threat," Mr. Aquino said.

Thomas, who emphasized that the "safety and security of Americans is my No. 1 job," stressed the need for the US government and its allies worldwide, including the Philippines, "to be better about safety and security."

"There's terrorism going on around the world. Look what's happening in Yemen, Athens, Berlin," he said.

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**BUILD FOR STONES** Dolphy joins that the gold necklace award from the President is too heavy for his frame. He also said that while he was "stone" in the Aquino during the campaign, the President gave him "stone" in return. Enjoying the moment is Zsa Zsa Padilla. (AP/WIDEWORLD)

## President honors Dolphy with Grand Collar

By Christine O. Avendaño

**HELANDOS** as ever, the Philippines' comedy king Dolphy drew laughter at Malacanan yesterday when he joked that the sturdy gold necklace placed on his shoulders by President Aquino was too heavy for his 82-year-old frame.

But facing he was not when it came time for him to honor by scope the Grand Collar (Marigold na Kawing) of the Order of the Golden Heart—the highest award given to a private citizen—from the President, whom he did not support in the May presidential election.

Dolphy was clod beth for

his distinguished 60 years in the entertainment industry and for his charity and philanthropic projects under the Dolphy Aid Plan or Pinoy Foundation. The foundation awards scholarships to deserving children of overseas Filipino workers.

He would later tell reporters he was grateful that the Presi-

dent gave him such a recognition, although he had supported Mr. Aquino's chief rival in the election, Sen. Manny Villar.

Dressed—with his partner, singer-actress Zsa Zsa Padilla just a few meters away—Dolphy addressed the Chief Executive as "President Sirayop Cometa Aquino." The senior

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## Think-tank says gov't courting major disaster

By Tary S. Burgaria

**A "GAPING DISCONNECT"** between government claims and reality on the ground is putting disaster preparedness in the Philippines on the brink of disaster, a multinational risk consultancy firm said in a recent report.

In a weekly report submitted to its clients, Pacific Strategies and Assessments (PSA) said it found no basis for President Aquino to proclaim success in the government's handling of emergency and relief opera-

tions prompted by Super-typhoon "Gust" (international name: Megi).

Shortly after last week's typhoon, PSA and other parts of northern Luzon, Mr. Aquino was quoted as saying he was "happy to report to the public that everyone has delivered."

"The thorough preparations of all concerned agencies are in marked contrast to the official helplessness of the past, and at present, we haven't had to ask the public to contribute outside resources," the President was

THINK-TANK

## P-Noy wishes her 'true happiness'

By Christine O. Avendaño

**DED PINOY** wishes ex-girlfriend Shaina Soladina's TV debut on the game show "Willing Willie" last night? Whether he did or not, he had one wish for her—that she would find "true happiness."

Asked yesterday afternoon—hours before she shows up on—if he planned on watching it, President Aquino gave a long-winded reply that meant "maybe." "Depends on how much material I will be given tonight to study to prepare for my trip to Japan."

Mr. Aquino is set to leave this

PINOY



**SHALINE** Soladina launches her TV career in debut of "Willing Willie." It wasn't clear if President Aquino watched her opening show.

## Luistro backs Go crusade

By Tarry Quinsanda

**A MONTH** after he announced he was throwing in the towel, Antonio Gallego Go said he was increasing his campaign against error-filled textbooks in public schools upon the request of Education Secretary Armin Luistro.

Luistro made a surprise visit on Friday to Marikina School of Quizon City where Go is academic supervisor to discuss with the self-styled "book doctor"

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## They remain apostles of good gov't

By Tarry Quinsanda

**THEY ARE** "not hot not out" of politics, marching on with their call for good government.

While back to being plain citizens, former Governors Grace Padilla (Iloilo) and Ed Padilla (Pangasinan) have found themselves more involved in the campaign for up-

right government, spreading the word in villages and schools in the country and in packed halls overseas.

The "champions" of the good government group Raya Matal, who both lost their reelection bids in May, may well be even busier in a different way than they were during their terms as governors.

"We are not hot not out at the same time. We're out in terms of partisan politics, in terms of having a post, an official position, but we are engaged in politics in the sense that we are still spreading good government in different places," Padilla said as the Iloilo office in Makati City on the night of Nov. 3.

Padilla came a bit late for the

interview as he was held up by a protest he led against the cutting of old trees on Iloilo's Arbores Highway.

"This was expressed very strongly that we have to maintain, more if we lose in the elections, but people empowerment, less deeper engagement in government," Padilla said.

THEY REMAIN







# Ex-vice mayor in massacre surrenders

CYRABAGO CITY—A former vice mayor and close aide of the Maguindanao massacre's prime suspect, Abdul Basim, has surrendered to military forces according to the military.

Isulano Baid, who served as vice mayor of Indanan in Maragat town, also turned over his

personal firearms, including a 30-cal. machine gun, two M-16 assault rifles, and a Colt Remington 440, who spoke for the 4th Infantry Division (ID).

Members of the 31st Infantry Battalion and the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) Incident Detail, also "Commander del Oro," in Maragat Urban

in Lanao Sur, Sultan Kudarat. He was arrested in Maragat on Monday and turned over to NBI custody.

"We was positively identified as missing those who perpetrated the massacre," Baid said, quoting a report from the 4th ID. Baid, a component unit of the 4th ID, another report, Baid said

Maragat, a former vice mayor in Maragat town, was arrested at a police checkpoint in Maragat town after works of several lanes, police said.

The men are among the 140 accused in the Nov. 23 massacre. Editor Francisco, inquirer Maragat

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# Nullify SLEx deal, SC asked anew

By Marlon Rames

GRUPEP GUYANIAN, the shipping 250 percent tariff increase at the South America Ex-Importation (SLEx) entering ship the Supreme Court order to nullify the contract that the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) entered into with a Malaysian investor to operate the superhighway.

In a 3-page decision for consideration, the justices led by Justice Isaac Francis agreed that the Department of Toll Operation Agreement (DOLA) that the TRB signed with South East Asia Tollway Corp. (SEATC) previously removed the jurisdiction of the judiciary to nullify toll operations.

Francis said the agreement violated

the principles of due process and public consultation in imposing the new toll since the contract set a fixed formula for periodic adjustments every two years.

Unfortunately, he said the contract did not discuss the contract's clause on automatic adjustment when it passed the Or. 19 division, which also applied the legality of the DOLA after the board granted with the operation of the West Coast Expressway and the elevated toll post/Singapore.

"Because of that provision, there would always be increase in toll every two years without there being any cost-benefit analysis for such as the foreign exchange rate," Francis said.

The agreement, he said, was against the principle of the public as it imposed fixed increase

for the Malaysian investor during its 30-year contract to run and operate the SLEx.

The lower court that SLEx had previously declared that they would manage their investment for the P17-million road project for only six years. "That means for the next 24 years, and for their contract extension for another 30 years, the Malaysian investor would gain profit from us," he said.

"This court right left null as the Supreme Court is study the contract as it is contrary because this would harm the people for the next 50 years."

While the high court nullified the validity of the contract, the lower court said that the Malaysian shareholder and economic interest of the TRB, allowing it to the government's financial priority in the superhighway.

Under the agreement, the government is obliged to pay the private toll operator's program revenues should it fail to implement the adjusted toll rates as approved by the TRB.

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Gon't to double housing production

THE GOVERNMENT has set a target to double the production of housing units to 100,000 units by 2015, according to the President's Office. It says, which also leads the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HODCC). All the key housing agencies have pledged to jointly build 370,000 housing units annually which is more than double the current annual production of 140,000 units. "Stay and prosper," the HODCC says the National Housing Authority, Pag-ibig Fund, Housing and Urban Development Council, National Housing Corporation, National Housing Mortgage and Finance Corp., and Home Development Corp.

Jeffrey P. Francisco

### Tesda warns on illegal schools

SCHOOL CLOSING AND technical training should be to teach students for competitive labor market, according to the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA). The agency wants to nullify the license after it found several schools operating without government authorization and therefore offer a different class than the curriculum. TESDA officials said the license of the schools were withdrawn. "I had a copy for students who study so hard to get a license but they are not allowed to study," the agency said. TESDA Director General Jose B. Sison said.

Jose Sison

### 5 on list of Westincom candidates

FIVE WESTINCOM candidates are on the short list of candidates for the next term of the Westincom (Western Intercontinental Commission) which is currently held by the Philippine Board of Governors, which is currently held by the Philippine Board of Governors. The board is currently held by the Philippine Board of Governors. The board is currently held by the Philippine Board of Governors.

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### No action yet on labor attacks

AN ONGOING effort by the Philippine government to deal with the "suspension" of the Department of Labor and Employment on the basis of a report by the Philippine Board of Governors. The board is currently held by the Philippine Board of Governors. The board is currently held by the Philippine Board of Governors.

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### Junk rap, mayor asks Sandiganbayan

A MAYOR has asked the Sandiganbayan to nullify the contract of a P4 million supplement to the 2000. Mayor Jose Sison has asked the Sandiganbayan to nullify the contract of a P4 million supplement to the 2000. Mayor Jose Sison has asked the Sandiganbayan to nullify the contract of a P4 million supplement to the 2000.

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# House gives final approval to budget

By J. B. Sison

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES last night approved, on a vote of 219-147, the 2011-2012 budget and the 2011-2012 appropriations bill, giving the President's budget the final approval of the House.



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# Seoul bars 7th Filipino activist; diplomatic protest mullied

By Leticia B. Salaverria

SEOUL—Korean authorities have refused the entry of a seventh Filipino activist to the protest against the Group of 20 (G20) summit in Seoul.

Seoul's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said on Monday night after being told for several hours at the airport that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) said in a statement, "Consistent to the national coordinator of the G20 Summit."

On Sunday, her APL colleagues, Anna Maria, and her fellow activists—members of the Public Intellectual Forum, Jose Santiago, Maria Soriano, and Joseph Thompson—were allowed to enter the country. But the MFA said it was not willing to let the seventh activist enter the country.

South Korea is known for its support of the Philippines in the "anti-imperialist" movement. "Additional information" from the Philippine Embassy in Seoul, "Does not have the information," the MFA said. It will study and carefully consider the suggestion made by certain quarters for the G20 to raise the matter with Korean authorities. "I will make Malaya, DFI spokesman, told the media.

According to the APL, Consulate General in Seoul, upon the invitation of the Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to join the activities of the People's Collective Action Against G20.

She was the labor sector representative of the World March

of Women (JMW) Pilgrims and was supposed to talk about the impact of "neoliberalism" on women workers during the G20 summit in Seoul.

Consulate was prevented from leaving Incheon Airport upon investigation. "Investigation officers later informed the Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs that she was not on board the flight.

Ann Thompson, coordinator of WMP Pilgrims, condemned the decision, saying that South Korea and the G20 nations were violators of people's economic and political rights.

Several activist groups issued a joint statement denouncing the G20's pro-capitalist measures

and central bank practices who regularly meet to discuss key issues in the global economy.

They said the deportation of the Filipino and South Korean activists is a "violation of the rights of the people and the rights of the people to democratic and anti-people nature of the G20."

These actions also show the "disrespect" of the G20, she said, describing its members as "self-proclaimed capitalists of the global economy."

According to Malaya, the Philippine Embassy was a "highly sensitive" report about the deportation, but we requested them to check if additional de-

tails can be given by South Korea's foreign ministry officials." The Sunday, 40-year-old, Manila, said she urged the foreign office to file a diplomatic protest against South Korea in connection "in the strongest manner" the diplomatic and department of the activities. With no post from Josey R. Espinosa.

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As technology continues to make information highly available and accessible, the problem of plagiarism within the academic community and beyond has become even more menacing. Privately all academic institutions view it not only as a serious offense but also as a threat to intellectual creativity and advancement. The use of another person's work without proper attribution is dealt with severely after due process, by imposing sanctions on every member of the academic community guilty of intellectual dishonesty.

The long entrenched value of intellectual honesty in the academic sphere has been put to test with the advent of the Supreme Court decision entitled *THE MATES OF THE (GABRIEL vs. FLADARINE, ET AL., AGAINST ASSOCIATE JUSTICE MARINO C. DEL CASTILLO)*. The highest tribunal of the land, by pointing that there was an absence of malicious intent, refused to acknowledge the act of lifting passages from various publications without proper referencing as an act of PLAGIARISM. What is worse is that it used the same to support an entirely different thesis from what the subject actually espoused.

The highest tribunal has set a higher standard for plagiarism to be made punishable, and as they in fact did: plagiarism. What is the rationale for this? Why is one more responsible to require "malicious intent" for an act of plagiarism, than can be its requirement that plagiarism is an intellectual dishonesty and as such, one must be held accountable for such punishable act? If a student copies verbatim from another's text, "unintentionally" or "carelessly" or "without knowing this was another's text", is there is no plagiarism here since there was no "malicious intent"? If a graduate or a student in one's study group has plagiarized text, for which another person is to take credit, is that person not so responsible for his/her plagiarism?

How can our schools effectively teach the values of intellectual integrity and responsibility in the light of the Supreme Court's ruling. It should not take position either against such forms of plagiarism? In this sense, the Supreme Court's decision sets a culture of intellectual theft and dishonesty. For plagiarism is not only a legal issue but most importantly, a moral one. A tradition of learning, it is incumbent upon schools to develop to students the discipline of research and intellectual to know the values of academic, responsibility, accountability, respect, honesty and integrity.

It is also light that the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP), the largest association of Catholic schools, colleges and universities in the country with 1,200 members, stands its voice to this issue playing not only the legal community but Philippine academics as well. CEAP calls on all its member schools to bring to light this threat to academic integrity and Christian formation by holding forums and other discussions on this issue – highlighting its effects and impact on our members as Catholic educators.

We call on the rest of Philippine academics and the wider citizenry to unite and speak with one voice and act collectively to defend honesty and integrity.

We appeal to the Supreme Court to withdraw its threat of sanction against the 37 UP Law Professors who asserted their academic freedom in the exercise of honesty and integrity.

We support Justice Antonio Sison's call for the issuance of a corrected version of the ruling to reverse the "unfortunate problem" it has caused Philippine academics and restore the dignity of the court to positively educate and influence the future of intellectual and academic discourse.

We invite every citizen to be vigilant in monitoring the development of this case so that our Supreme Court will truly uphold the rule of law, maintain integrity and transparency as they see people in their to restore the moral conditions that this democratic institution deserves.

In the midst of these trying times, we pray for enlightenment and moral strength. May the Holy Spirit guide us all to seek and discover the truth and to stand up for honesty and integrity.

8 November 2020

*[Signatures of various individuals]*



# Coordinating Council of Private Educational Associations

## STATEMENT OF CONCERN

The Coordinating Council of Private Educational Associations (CCOPEA), with due respect, takes exception to the decision of the Supreme Court in the case entitled "In the matter of the charges of plagiarism, etc. against Associate Justice Mariano C. del Castillo."

As educators, we are alarmed by the Supreme Court ruling that plagiarism cannot be committed without "malicious intent". How can we now discipline our students who copy the works and writings of other authors without attribution when they can simply take refuge behind the Supreme Court ruling?

Plagiarism is intellectual dishonesty. It is thievery of intellectual property. In the world of the academe, it is punished most severely.

To treat plagiarism in a cavalier fashion is to fling the door wide open to flagrant violations against intellectual property and invite intellectual thefts without fear of punitive sanctions. This academic atmosphere is not only deleterious to scholarly pursuits but more so to the moral fiber of young minds, but more importantly, it detracts from the essential purpose of the Higher Education Institution (HEI) to be the cradle of original ideas. It is for this reason that the right to academic freedom is granted to HEIs.

In view thereof, we implore the Supreme Court, most respectfully, to follow "The Way Forward" of Justice Sison's Dissenting Opinion as the only way by which it can maintain its judicial dignity.

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# FPIC finally finds holes in pipeline

## Repairs to be completed within 16 hours; Senate to probe oil leak

By Hilo Maras, Arny R. Rana and Gil Cabanogian

NEARLY FOUR months after oil started seeping into the basement of West Tower condominiums in Barangay Baguig, Makati City, First Philippine Industrial Corp. (FPIC) announced that it had finally found the source of the leak.

In a press conference yesterday, FPIC officers to charge Anthony Mahasa said that workers discovered on Sunday afternoon the holes in the basement of the tower on a portion of its commercial pipeline on Marikina Street, near the foot of the ramp leading to the Magallanes interchange on Gen. Luna Highway.

The pipe is about 100 meters away from West Tower.

"Based on the information we have, it would appear that there were the only breaches left," he said yesterday.

Asked how the five holes could have been responsible for the huge amount of oil spilled from the condominium's basement, the source of the leak, Mahasa said the spilling happened probably around noon of the oil leaking from the pipe.

"(West Tower) acted as a collection pit since the pumping operations were done," he added.

### Repairs to begin immediately

According to him, a team of engineers have started to repair and patch up the holes and that the repairs were expected to be immediately begun.

Mahasa said that since the repairs would take only 16 hours to complete, FPIC would be ready to resume its pipeline operations by late this Thursday.

However, the company still has to ensure permits and the approval of concerned agencies, including the Makati City government and the Department of Energy.

The pipeline, which is owned and operated by FPIC, was shut down on Oct. 20 by the Makati government after it was found to be the source of the oil leak at the West Tower basement. It transports fuel products from Batangas province to the Petronas oil depot in Manila.

Mahasa said the company believed that the holes were caused by "intensive vibrations" due to unbalanced trucks using the Magallanes Flyover which, in turn, accelerated road fatigue.

However, he declined to comment on whether or not the flyover's design was flawed from the start as "we don't want to be pointing accusing fingers. We just know there are many unbalanced trucks piling Marikina and it's one of the causes of road deterioration as well as the only source of vibrations and tremors."

He added that by the case of FPIC, its pipeline can be used until 2020. Usually, every without maintenance, pipeline can last for 30 years. When additional reinforcements are made, the life of a pipeline can be pushed to 100 years, he said.

### Long-term measures

Mahasa said FPIC would use metal clamps to plug the holes and patch up the pipeline. At a long-term measure, the company was looking into the construction of a permanent pipeline bypass which would ensure or reduce the pipeline in case it would be hit under the flyover or any other critical infrastructure.

He added that the company would also ensure the integrity of the 117 kilometers pipeline by conducting a comprehensive and comprehensive safety audit.

Meanwhile, the Lapad-owned FPIC should not only opt in culpability but also the efforts to cover up the leak in its

pipeline, a source said.

According to Senator Juan Miguel Zubeta, said, the source of the leak would likely determine who was at fault and who should shoulder the damage caused by the oil leak, including the cleanup operations and compensation for affected residents.

He added that the Senate committee on environment would also look into allegations that FPIC, along with local government authorities, tried to cover up the oil leak which was first reported in July.

"There was a report given to us that they tried to downplay the incident of a leak, but it was not clear which explained why

it took them so long to report it. It's been on the news for months yet they did not do anything," said Zubeta.

Aside from FPIC, the Senate committee on environment would also involve Makati City government and barangay officials and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

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# Suicide by fire the way out for poor Afghan wives

**IRROD:** Afghanistan—trives the poorest families in Afghanistan have matches and cooking fuel. The combination usually results in fire, but it also can be the catalyst of a horrifying escape from poverty, from forced marriages, from the abuse and dependency that can be the fate of Afghan women.

"She might have been burned herself," said Zaida, who has been told that she is the only medical center in Afghanistan that specifically treats victims of burning, a common form of suicide in this region, partly because the tools to do it are so readily available. Through early October, 73 women arrived with burns—most self-inflicted, others only made to look that way—that is up nearly 38 percent from last year.

But the numbers say less than the stories of the patients. It is shameful here to admit to troubles at home, and mental illness often goes unreported or untreated. Zaida, the hospital staff said, probably suffered from

depression. The choice for Afghan women are reprehensibly restricted. Their family includes them to the detriment of education, bride price, abuse, no choice at all about her role in her marriage. The primary job is to serve her husband's family (that is, that world, she is an outsider).

"If you run away from home, you may be raped or put in jail and then lose honor and then what will happen to you?" asked Rachel Field, a researcher for Human Rights Watch who tracks ordinary Afghan women.

Strikes and lawsuits are often slow or refused to have killings because the families lose. They have spent time and money with courts. Women and girls are still forced to death. Those who burn themselves but survive are

often adopted to children's orphans while their husbands marry other unwanted women.

"Victims in the fires of Afghanistan's women come from everywhere: from her father or brother, from her husband, from her father-in-law and her mother-in-law," said Dr. Shafiqullah, a plastic surgeon at the burn hospital, which usually has at least 10 female self-inflicted victims at any one time.

The most common burn cases are usually suicides, said doctors, nurses and human rights workers.

"We have two women here right now who were burned by their mothers-in-law and husbands," said Dr. Afzal Jalil, the hospital's senior surgeon.

Doctors cited two women cases where women were beaten by their husbands or in-laws, but considered and weeks in the hospital in bad condition. Instead because they had been abused in an abusive sex on fire.

For a very few of the women who survive burnings, whether self-inflicted or done by others, the experience is a kind of hell that helps them change their lives. Some work with lawyers who the hospital recommends and requires a divorce, Mardik said.

Engaged at 8 and married at 12, Zaida started to crying herself on the fire when her father-in-law killed her, saying she was not brave enough to do so. She was 17 and had married years of beatings and abuse from her husband and his family.

Infused and depressed, she was in the past. She burned her husband, their 9-month-old daughter to the baby would not survive mother-burning. There she passed cooking fuel on hand.

"I felt so sad and such pain in my heart and I felt very angry at my husband and my father and mother to him and don't look the medicine and I myself," she said.

Zaida's story is about desperation and the minimum that is known often reflect on their own's wives. United Nations statistics indicate that at least 45 percent of Afghan women marry before they are 16; a large percentage before they are 14. Many girls are still given in payment for debts, which sometimes them in a life of servitude and, almost always, abuse. New York Times News Service



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# The World

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## US says sanctions on Iran are biting

### Rejects Israel PM's call to pursue a credible military threat against Iran

MELBOURNE—The United States rejected on Monday Israeli concerns that it had become necessary to pursue a credible military threat against Iran, saying sanctions could deter Tehran from building a nuclear weapon.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said US Vice President Joe Biden on Sunday

that such a threat was the only way to sway Iran, Israeli officials said.

"I disagree that only a credible military threat can get Iran to take the action that it needs to end its nuclear weapons program," US Defense Secretary Robert Gates said in Melbourne when asked about Netanyahu's comments.

"We are prepared to do what is necessary, but at this point we continue to believe

that the political, economic approach that we are taking is the best, having no impact in Iran," Israeli and the United States do not rule out a preemptive strike against Iran, but officials have repeatedly warned of its strategic consequences of any military action. They stress while a military strike might delay Iran, it will not stop it from pursuing a nuclear launch it wants now.

Iran denies Western accusations that its nuclear program is aimed at developing nuclear weapons, but it admitted last month it could acquire a regional arms race and degenerate into a nuclear Middle East conflict.

Gates, drawing comment by Biden on Sunday, said they sought more sanctions against Iran by the UN Security Council were "telling more deeply than Clinton's statement." He later said a small group of reporters that additional

pressure measures by other, beyond the UN Security Council, have had considerable effect in terms of improving Iran's trade and financial operations. "I feel, we will all options remained on the table."

"The president has said repeatedly that when it comes to Iran that all options are on the table and we are doing what we need to do to ensure that it has those options," he said.

Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki has said Iran is ready to hold talks on its nuclear program with major powers, and proposed that talks be held in Turkey.

"Certainly we have made it clear we would welcome a return to the negotiating table," he said, but a military threat has not been ruled out. In Israeli media that Netanyahu, who has rebuffed US and international calls to engage a formal on building in West Bank settlements, was trying to avoid the issue of his trip away from the settlement movement.

Netanyahu had made clear that Israel wanted to use it as a negotiating strategy, but he has described as a threat against its existence.

Netanyahu is scheduled to meet Clinton in New York on Thursday for a 10-hour discussion on Israeli-Palestinian issues. Netanyahu will not see Obama, who is on a 10-day trip to India.

of the Israeli nuclear quest, Biden said, Netanyahu.

Biden said that the United States and Israel had a "close strategic relationship" and it was "not in which we will not stand one single inch." A 10-month assessment on Iran's status in West Bank settlements expired in late September, when Biden would have direct conversations in Washington. Biden said on Thursday the war was ending, coming to break the deadlock.

Netanyahu said Washington had offered Israel a package of incentives, including more aid, security, to promote the Netanyahu to resume a partial settlement for two months. The package included backing for Netanyahu's demand for an Israeli military presence along the Jordan river, the Netanyahu's brother of a US-born Palestinian state. Reuters

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## Israel raises mosque in Arab town

RAMAT GAN, Israel—A tall pole dominated an already tall mosque in this impoverished Arab town, on Sunday, as Israeli soldiers stood in front and firing new grenades against the mosque. The town is the country's Arab enclave.

Below dawn, police armed with rifles and shields surrounded the area as a bulldozer knocked down the mosque. The mosque was destroyed.

Arab residents showed in protest and prayed close to the site. Later some burned sticks at the site, said police spokesman Ilan Rosenfeld. They were on alert and the people were arrested, he said.

Rosenfeld said the two-story mosque was knocked down after a night of rioting. He said the mosque was destroyed, and dawn began pouring rain to build the foundation for a new mosque on a nearby plot.

"They demolished it and we are rebuilding," said Ilan Rosenfeld. He said residents built the mosque illegally because Israeli authorities could take too long to approve it, though the municipality did not immediately order a building permit. AP

## World Briefs

### Pope defends family as Spanish gays hold 'kin-in'

MADRID—Pope Benedict XVI strongly defended traditional family and the rights of the unborn of Sunday, directly attacking Spanish laws that allow gay marriage, but fresh from a week of visits to abortionists for the dedication of a new hospital in the city. The Pope said it was the worst time in many days that he would not have said the words of the Catholic Church's teaching on the family. He said he was not a 10-day trip to India.

### Britain's Queen Elizabeth II joins Facebook

LONDON—The Queen is now on Facebook, but she is going to be very private. Her spokeswoman has launched a series of official pages offering the queen's 88th birthday wish. She said she was not a 10-day trip to India. She said she was not a 10-day trip to India.

### German Army honors Jews who fought in WWI

BERLIN—Germany's German soldiers, including a group of soldiers, held a ceremony to honor the soldiers who fought in WWI. The ceremony was held in Berlin. The ceremony was held in Berlin.

### Qantas CEO: Jet lacks in 3 engines of its A380

MELBOURNE—Qantas has announced it will buy three Boeing 787 Dreamliners to replace its A380s. The CEO said the A380 was not a good investment. The CEO said the A380 was not a good investment.

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## Unified effort to curb smuggling set

Gov't execs, lawmakers, trade leaders to meet Nov. 19

By Aring B. Reyes

**TOP GOVERNMENT** officials, lawmakers and domestic industry leaders are forging alliances to identify immediate and long-term solutions to curb smuggling, which has been robbing the national government some P127 billion in revenues a year.

"Once and for all, the government and private sector will meet and come up with a holistic approach to anti-smuggling. There will be no finger-pointing. It will be more of securing the problem and finding out the solutions. It is a cooperative endeavor to find solutions," said Jesus L. Arnesen, chair of the Federation of Philippine Industries (FPI).

Arnesen, who is also the group's anti-smuggling committee chair, said in a statement that the 1st National Anti-Smuggling Summit would allow representatives from the labor sector and industry to lay down their concerns and proposals, while government officials would then be asked to respond.

"The objective is, at the end of

the day, we will come up with some ideas, some things to implement, particularly those that are feasible given the resources of administrative orders and executive orders, and those requiring amendments or enactment of new laws," he explained.

Arnesen accused the need for such a summit as he cited records from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) showing that while revenue for the Philippines from 2002 to 2007 averaged at \$284.7 billion, the Bureau of Customs recorded only \$195.9 billion—reflecting an immediate disparity of \$88.8 billion. "This means an annual average disparity of \$14.58 billion, and this

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### INDICATORS

#### PESO-DOLLAR RATE

Nov. 9, 2010

43.245



#### STOCK MARKET

Nov. 9, 2010

53.49



### Stocks fall on profit-taking

**LOCAL STOCKS** yielded no further profit-taking potential as investors profited from gains of last week's uptick to new highs.

The main index Philippine Stock Exchange index shed 33.48 points or 1.33 percent to 4,298.82.

The decline was led by the services, holding firms and financials sectors, which all tumbled by more than 1 percent.

Total turnover amounted to P4.1 billion. For the first time in almost two months, there was

not longer selling-overshooting of 100 million.

There were 33 advances, 77 declines and 88 unchanged stocks.

The decline was led by PLDT, which attracted by news about its sluggish third-quarter earnings and prospective job cuts.

Investors also sold down shares of Globe Inc., Ayala Land, Metrobank, Alliance Bank, EDC, Metro Pacific Investments, Banco de Oro (BDO), and BDO Holdings. PSE

(PSE) 53.49

## Gov't urged to seek trade pact with EU

A **LOCAL** business group is urging the Aquino administration to move fast in negotiating a bilateral agreement with the European Union as it is not to be left out by other Asian countries that are seeking similar trade deals.

The Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry endorsed its

call until ongoing discussions on a possible Philippines-EU FTA following the conclusion of the Partnership Cooperation Agreement (PCA) between the two in Brussels last June.

"The EU is now major market that we are benefited to our exports. As we know, other Asian countries like

Malaysia and Singapore are in the advanced stages of negotiations with Indonesia has already signed a PCA. Likewise, negotiations with Malaysia have also started," said PCIC vice chair Donald Dico.

"We have to move quickly but with caution if we really want to

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THE LATTERS and staff of the firm

## Law firm goes global

**F**ULL-SERVICE firm Rapagan Lucilla Garcia & Castillo Law Offices (RLGC) recently held the blessing of its new office at 5/E, 32nd and Park Bldg., 32nd St. cor Sch Ave., Sanilafacio Global City, Tag. The firm, led by partners Lorna Rapagan, Lucilla Garcia & Castillo, the blessing was officiated by Bishop Antonio Tobías, with others assisting by Rev. Wilfrido Vilas.

The guests, who remained to end the night, included the firm's high-profile clients like Heptan-Rico and Juan Poy.

The past life is today's "what's next" — everybody supports, "from the ground up to the personal."

With an extensive knowledge and experience in the various areas of law, RLGC traces its roots to the first established by Sen. Rod S. Bico in 1988, following the idea of Bico. After the senior passed away on Aug. 5, 2005, Lorna Rapagan Magallon & Lucilla Garcia took over. In August 2008, five of its seven partners and eight of its 15 associates joined RLGC, which now has 16 lawyers.

RLGC admits that it is a full range of legal services covering most fields of the law. It has been recognized by other entities for its multinational integrity. With membership in the International Law Firm Network, it has presence in 60 countries and six continents.

On July 4, 2008, it was awarded with an ISO Certificate for high order, quality and governance by the Philippine Business Conference, whose mission is to promote integral business development. RLGC was elected for its extensive knowledge and experience in international and national jurisdictions, for having adopted the policy of making themselves available to global clients, and for its pro-active approach relating to relevant social issues. It is the only law firm in the country to have received the ISO certificate.



MIMI Garcia, Lorna Rapagan and Heptan-Rico Jr.



ALMA Calaga, Isabel Cox, Justice Santiago-Bernal, a retired justice of the Court of Appeals and head of the Insurance Commissioner

**Coca-Cola zero**

**IT WAS HALLO WILDO!**

LAST OCT. 29, 2010, A House Full Market City, Big Brother's Clean Habits and Fall - The biggest and longest running costume party in the country, set a new record high of over 4,000 attendees.

Major Manila's party people gather in their elaborate and creative costumes and outfits, to the new hours of the morning.

Good thing Coca-Cola zero was there to keep everyone refreshed with its great taste and zero sugar. It was a night of endless fun and endless possibilities. Thanks to this drink that helps people live with almost 0% in body. Coca-Cola zero.

**Great Taste. Zero Sugar.**

## World gathering of dentists in Manila May 2011

DR. HERMOSILLO B. Milard, chair of the 14th Asia Pacific Dental Congress (APDC) 2011, has announced that preparations for the forthcoming congress is now in its final stages.

The congress will be at the Philippine International Convention Center on May 1-4, 2011, with some 30 national foreign guests in attendance, including a whole day program, lecture by Dr. Jeffrey B. Clement, world-renowned author of the state-of-the-art "The Management of Temporomandibular Disorders and Occlusion," published by CV Mosby Publications, and 120 other presentations about occlusion and endo.

This landmark event, two days and two nights, is considered the most important and exciting event of the dental profession in the world for all dentists. It will be the last APDC congress in the Philippines, with a request to all other dentists. It promises to be the biggest gathering of dentists in the whole of the Asia-Pacific region and an exciting encounter.

The organizing committee, headed by Milard, is actively promoting the congress in the world. For the last two years, Milard has coordinated the following conferences:

- The APDC at Hong Kong, May 7-10, 2009;
- 2009 APDC World Dental Congress in Singapore, Sept. 2-5, 2009;
- 2009 Annual American Dental Association Convention (ADA), Hawaii, Sept. 20-28, 2009;
- 12th APDC in Colombia, Sept. 10-14, 2009;
- 10th MEA AGA/IFA World Dental Congress in Singapore, June 18-20, 2009;
- International Congress of Endodontics, 2008 in Hamburg, Germany, Aug. 23-26;
- 2010 FDI Annual World Dental Congress in Singapore, Sept. 2-5, 2010.

YELANIL GONZON

Congress in Singapore, Sept. 2-5, 2010.

Ylanil, currently the secretary of the only representative of the FDI in the Philippines and attended the chairman meeting of the Asia-Pacific Council, from Hamburg, Germany, he has been elected and attended the 12th APDC World Congress.

For a membership organization composed of more than 200 member national dental associations, including the Philippines and specialist groups, altogether representing more than a million dental practitioners, the FDI annual world dental congress, held in Surabaya, Indonesia, Sept. 2-5, was attended by 15,000 participants, representing 115 countries.

Ylanil, currently elected president of the Asia-Pacific Council Indonesia, an affiliate member of the FDI, reported the progress of the forthcoming congress in Manila to the FDI-APDC annual meeting. During the congress, along with Dr. George Lin, Dr. James Gonzalez, Dr. Lorna Rapagan and Philippine Dental Association president Dr. Wilfredo Bico, they hosted the Philippine branch of the National Dental Association in Surabaya, Indonesia, annually officials of FDI and APDC officials.











